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Sent via email to: eneri4r@gmail.com

Mrs. Irene Robledo 601 Sprintsail Way Oxon Hill, MD 20745

Ms. Robledo:

This is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)/Privacy Act (PA) request dated February 28, 2023. Your request was received in our office on the same day and assigned case number DON-NAVY-2023-006083.

In the course of processing your FOIA request this office contacted the Vice Chief of Naval Operations (VCNO) Legal Office asking that office conduct a search for responsive records regarding "The preliminary inquiry conducted by CAPT Goldhammer into CAPT Robledo while assigned to OPNAV N8".

VCNO's Legal office has identified 1 record totaling 14 pages that is responsive to your request. Upon review of these records from the above-mentioned office, it has been determined that some of the information may contain instances of deliberative process privileged material, are predecisional in nature, and/or contain working versions of documents, and are thus exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5).

It has also determined that they contain instances of personally identifiable information (PII), such as the names, email addresses and telephone numbers of individuals. These instances of PII are exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), since release of this information would result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of their personal privacy. The remainder of the document is released to you.

You have the right to an appeal. It must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Please provide the appellate authority (see below) the following in an envelope marked "FOIA appeal":

- A letter requesting an appeal that explains what you are appealing with any supporting arguments or reasons you think may be worthy of consideration;
- A copy of your initial request;
- A copy of the letter of denial.

Also, please provide a copy of your appeal letter at <u>usn.ncr.dns.mbx.don-foia-pa@us.navy.mil</u>. There are two ways to file an appeal: through FOIA online or by mail.

- 1. Through FOIA online. This will work only if you set up an account on FOIA online before you make the request that you would like to appeal. To set up an account, go to FOIA online (this is a website that will appear as the top hit if you search the internet for "FOIA online"), click "Create Account" (a link located within the blue banner at the top in the upper right corner), enter your data into the field that subsequently appears, and click "Save" (at the bottom left of the screen). With your account thereby created, you will have the power to file an appeal on FOIA online to any request you file on FOIA online thereafter. To do so, locate your request (enter a keyword or the request tracking number in the "Search for" field on the "Search" tab), click on it, then the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. Complete the subsequent field, click "Save," and FOIA online will submit your appeal.
- 2. By mail. Address your appeal to:

Department of the Navy Office of the Judge Advocate General (Code 14) 1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000 Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

For this determination, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from either the DoD Navy Component FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Chris Julka, at:

Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, via phone: (703) 697-0031; or by contacting the Office of Government Information Services at: (https://ogis.archives.gov/), (202) 741-5770, ogis@nara.gov.

Questions regarding the action this office has taken to process your request may be directed to our FOIA Service Center at (202) 685-0412 or via email at usn.ncr.dns.mbx.don-foia-pa@us.navy.mil.

Sincerely,

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